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Letter from Anne Whitney, Boston, Massachusetts, to Maria Weston Chapman, 1880 April 26

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much - I wonder if you
are gaye[r] now than you
used to be then!

I am pleased that
Israel's raid is over -
they say de Les raised
Exp. to the rank of a first ser-
geant - I see it is a canon's
feet in the list, of mistakes
I must stop.

Good night.

Boston April 26 - '80

My dear friend - I must
say one word - but my eye
is very stiff & it can see
it - but 5 minutes or so -
I have just come home
having spent the eve. in
clavers with one or two or three
friends - I am so glad
to know that you did get
home notwithstanding the
two bundles & the long walk -
I always am a little uneasy
to see you set out alone from
my door - to traverse those
English gardens with their
milling of soil -

I have found another
Bell - 1852 - town. I
will look tomorrow in
another place - but doubt
if there are more.

Dearest Mr. Dr.
Whose speaks ill of you

if any do - be assured
our Child does not. You
do not account the Charge
of severity in judgment ill
speaking. Bob says, it will
be done as truth & uncompro-
misin as justice - ?.

Mrs. Childs never in the least
blamed you for that. She
merely states it - as the fact.
In all other respects she
^{has} spoken of you with an
admiration for which I
love her all the more. Poor
lone spirit - I am sure
she feels the lack of family
ties - In the first year
I knew her - she used often
to say - 'I wish you were
my daughter'.

Adams letter of today
is a little vague about the
time of return - It is not
likely to be till Thurs. but
may be Wednesday or even

tomorrow morning. The
house takes on a festive
air - & so it does when
you are coming - & to
think my friend of the
lame-eyed lens you
billed for one last Friday -
you are singularly good
to come so promptly when
I call -

I came on from Belmont
this morning - leaving Jennie
& left all well there.

I am writing with
closed eyes - but I fear my
chirp is of a kind that
does not improve with
the vision -

I find Johnson's life
of Garrison very interesting -
It is little I read at a
time - & perhaps you want
your book - please say
if you do. Those lines of
Lowells please me very